

11. (amended) An improved beam member comprising:

- h) an end plate secured to said opposing flanges and to said web member thereby structurally protecting said beam member and providing for the capability of releasably securing a plurality of said beam members end to end, thereby creating an extended length beam member having the same strength as a single beam member of the same length, wherein said inwardly extending leg section of said opposing flanges are recessed by an amount equal to one-half of a thickness of said end plate.

12. A beam member as defined in claim 1, wherein the full moment connection includes the light-weight and high-strength beam member with the recessed end plate having the capability of releasably securing a plurality of beam members end to end, thereby creating an extended length beam member having the same strength as a single beam member of the same length.

#### REMARKS

Claims 1, 11, and 12 of the application have been amended to further distinguish the application over prior art and to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that Applicant regards as the invention so as to place the application, as a whole, into a prima facie condition for allowance. Great care has been taken to avoid the